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HEAVENS:  
OR, NEW  
PROPHEESIES,  
AND

Astrological Predictions  
Relating to the Present State of *Europe*, and  
other most Important Affairs of our Age.

By Mr. *Lilly*, and other able Artists.

Together with the said Mr. *LILLIES*  
Prophesie or Prediction of a General

PEACE,

And most Glorious time of

PROSPERITY,

That shall shortly be Establisht throughout  
the World.

*William Lilly*

*Calum est instar Libri Expansi,  
In quo Futura Notis Siderum quasi Litteris,  
Conscripta, Filijs Artis Leganda Proponuntur.*

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### PROPHESIES, &c.

**H**istorians tell us, that in the days of that *Cæsar*, deservedly stiled *Augustus*, affairs were throughout the World in such a calm posture, as if *Mars* had been excluded from having any Vote in the Celestial Senate, or degraded by the more friendly Planets from his mischief-making Office: for that, Peace spreading her silken Wings as far as the Geography of that Age could extend; seem'd to have hush'd up all Alarms of War, and invited all inhabitants of this earthly Globe, to a sweet repose in the soft Arms of a general Tranquility; wherewith possibly Almighty God might then more especially bless Mankind, to usher in, and the better prepare them for the reception of the *Prince of Peace*, our ever blessed *Saviour*, who about that time, out of infinite Love to wretched Humanity, descended from the Mansions of Glory to appear on Earth vailing his Divine Lustre in garments of mortalitye. Certain it is, such Halcyon days rarely happen, and perhaps in all the Records of Time, before or since we may not find a Parallel to that happy juncture; but on the contrary, War, Blood-shed, Invasions, Insurrections, Destruction, and Desolations have in most Ages been so frequent, as to turn the Earth into an *Acheldama* or *Golgatha*, a *Field of Blood*, or general *Charnel-house*.

How disastrously embroil'd the Affairs of *Europe* are at this instant, or in these very days wherein we live, cannot be wholly unknown to any intelligent man: and that those Comotions are Judgements and Calamities inflicted by the just hand of Heaven, on rebellious Mortals for their repeated sins, and multiplied Transgressions will readily be assented unto by all



that have any sence of Religion, or awe of a Deity upon their Spirits.

But the natural Grounds or Dispositions of the Celestial Bodies, which like Mediate links in the grand chain of Secondary Causes, have produced, or at least Co-operated in the production of these Martial Disturbances, or the extraordinary *Phænomena* which merciful Providence makes use of to presignifie its pleasure therein, and like Beacons to admonish the World of such impending Chastisements, cannot but certainly deserve our more curious Observation and Enquiries; of this sort the most Judicious Scrutators with much reason Assign.

1. That wonderful new Star, which to the great amazement of the World manifested it self in the Constellation of *Cassiopeia*, in the Year, 1572.

2. The severall Comets, whose significations are not yet totally accomplished; as that in the Year, 1652. Three more in the Year 1665. and one since, not much above a Year and a half last past.

3. The Conjunction of the two Superiours, *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, Anno 1663. in *Sagittary*, and five oppositions between them lately.

Lastly, The Revolutions and other Cardinal Ingresses of the present and ensuing Year; together with the Eclipses, and most forcible Aspects therein happening.

To treat of these all exactly and in method, is as much beside our Intention, as above our Abilities in the present sheet, which we design only for a brief Collection of the Suffrages of more Learned men thereupon: and to serve as an Echo to their Oracles.

Concerning the Famous New-Star first mentioned, divers excellent persons in that Age obliged the World both with their Observations and Sentiments of its Effects or Significations, but none so happily as the incomparable *Tycho Brahe*, who taking it for granted that the same was purposely Created for the manifestation of future Events and Presaging of some strange *Catastrophes* to happen, concludes, that as the

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said Star was visible almost to all the World, so few Nations or Countries between the *Artick* and *Antartick* Poles should escape without being sensible more or less of the Calamities and Disorders thereby threatned; and because it continued fixed during all the time of its appearance; That therefore the Portents thereof would be long before they manifested themselves, or were brought into Action; whence it was thought reasonable to assign about one Century or hundred Years before their Commencement; which term is now expired: *Viz.* In the last Year, 1672. And what grand Actions have since appeared, both by Land and Sea on the *European* Stage, is sufficiently notorious; though (as the Judicious Mr. *Lilly* in his *Anglius* for the approaching Year, 1674. well observes) the full determination of those mutations, it was to be the Prodomus of cannot be expected for many Years yet to come; for since, we read not in any Author of such an admirable Star, or of such continuance since the beginning of the world besides it, so must certainly its significations be equally miraculous, and such as Mankind hath yet been scarce acquainted with: The particular Nature of which the same worthy Author tells us, *Præcipuum quandam & maximam Administrationum, Politicarum, Innovationem*, Innovations in the establishd or accustomed Policies of several Nations, and turning Empires and Kingdoms topsy-turvy.

As to the effects of that Comet in 1652. Those in 1665, and this of 1672. Our *English* Ptolomy before named, asserts them not yet determined, but at present on the anvil of Fate, and in succeeding years like to be more visible, even till most part of the *Habitable Globe*, shall in one kind or other, have partaken of much affliction, and such Calamities as no age hath seen the like; amongst which the same Learned Gentleman, reckons up the *Dutch* or *Hollanders*, as like in due time to taste more deep than ordinary of this bitter cup of Divine Vengeance, since the last of those Comets in April 1665. having a long & large fiery Tail pointed directly *Eastward*, threatening more especially those Countries of the United Provinces, *Spanish Netherlands*, part of *Germany*, and places adjacent.

Of the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in 1663. An accurate Treatise has been already emitted into the World by Mr. *Richard Edlin*, nor should we have wanted another by the same judicious Pen, on the late oppositions of these Superiors, did not the sordid self-interests of some narrow-sou'd people strangle for want of Midwifry, what the Author has long since happily conceived. However in his *Prænnuncius Siderum*, speaking of the Year 1674. from a Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, happening in *July*, he predicts the Death or detriment of some great persons, in places subject to *Libra*, by Civil or Domestick differences. But towards the end of that Year (saith he) the Moon to a trine of the Sun by direction denotes a discovery of some Important affairs, that long have lain maskt in obscurity; Kings and their Subjects shall better agree, and Spirits heretofore factious, turbulent and unsettled, shall become conformable and more obedient to their Superiors.

In the Revolution or Ingresse of *Sol* into *Aries*, at the beginning of the Year 1674. *Aquarius* ascends *Mars*, being on the Cusp of the Horoscope, and *Saturn* Lord of it in the second: So that the two Malevolents are in mutual reception. Hence *Merlin* Collects, a fair pretence or appearance neer these times of friendship and agreements, yet nothing but fraudulent designs, intended by an obstinate and peevish generation, rather indeed more contentious; the scene of war is enlarged, Ruptures of Leagues, devastation of great numbers by the Sword, impoverishment of the Cominalties, and beggary to many once rich and flourishing Cities and Countries East-ward from *England*.

That most Industrious Artist and able Mathematician, Mr. *Henry Coley*, with equal modesty and reason gives this brief, yet discreet Judgement, on this vernal figure, in his *Nuncius Cælestis*, or Almanack for the said Year, 1674. The year (says he there) by the position to be no way considerably dangerous for any contagious distemper that may Tyrannize amongst the people, but rather a serene Air and Salubrity in general: nor do I discover any



considerable injury or danger from our most potent enemies (according to the stream of natural causes : For which he subjoyns his reasons in Art, Sol being in the ascendant, &c.

To which we may add, that observation of *Merlinus*, that the Heavens seem now to promise our Sovereign of great Britain shall not want either Men, Money or Ships, to render him feared all over the World. The wars now impending : seeming notwithstanding all overtures of peace, designed by providence, to have continuance till the proud *Hollander* submit unto that High Monarch, whom they have wrongfully abused with not to be suffer'd Indignities.

Upon the Suns entrance into *Cancer*, the said Mr. *Lilly* affirms, that the *Hollanders* shall near that time fear in earnest Popular tumults; and Seditions at home, by their Boars and Vulgar people, who seeing themselves still deluded and made miserable by the obstinacy of their superiors begin to make insurrections against them: As also that they are threatned with a great Plague and Famine, not only of provisions for man, but a scarcity of men to furnish their Fleets, as also a sudden declining or being abandoned or forsaken by their Allies or Confederates, &c.

Several Eclipses happen in the approaching Year, but the most considerable one of the Moon, the 7th. of July, three quarters of an hour after 8 at night, signifying (according to *Merlinus Anglius*) the destruction of Cattle, horrible Cold, unwholesome winds, Shipwracks; bad Voyages, scarcity of Grain, and all kinds of provisions, &c,

From the consideration of this Eclipse, and the dire Effects thereby threatned : that solid and well-read Artist, Mr. *Richard Saunders* in his *Englisb Apollo*, breaks out into this Pathetical Exclamation. *Oh! Infandum renovat dolorem : Infinite Calamities it brings to places under Capricorn, and the opposite sign Cancer, to some here is signified Mischiefs, perfected too others, deviseing, but if Holland and Amsterdam have any subsistence at this time, let them look to receive their share of superlative sorrows : But (Blessed be God) London comes not the least under these malignancies.*

We shall conclude with that happy Prophecy or Prediction of Mr. Lilly (whose pardon we beg for making bold so oft with his honour'd Name in this inconsiderable Pamphlet) In *Anglicum*, 1674. delivered verbatim as follows.

*We further say and probably conjecture according to the Acute Judgement of Tyche, and other leaſed men, upon this new Star (he is treating of that before mentioned in Caſſiopeia.) That when its effects begin to operate (as for theſe two laſt Years, or ſomething ſooner they have done, and for many ſubſequent years will continue) that after many ſharp wars had and determined or ended, that then the World ſhall find and enjoy quietneſſe, ſuch as yet hath not been in any Age, *Pacificum quodam & concors ſaeculum aliquam diu futurum.* A moſt peaceable and quiet age or world ſhall be in all parts of the earth. *In quo politicarum adminiſtrationum, &c.* Wherein the Tumultuary Confuſions in Politick and Religious adminiſtrations ſhall be changed or quite altered, and be ſited to a more conform Analogy of the Divine Will or truth. - To which give us leave to add that memorable prediction delivered more than one hundred years ſince by that famous Aſtrologer Hieronymus Cardanus, that about the year 1680. *Incipiet Mutatio Legum, cui nunquam ſuit ſimilis, & conſurget nova Lex & cum his alia multa.* There ſhall in ſome parts begin an alteration of Laws, the like whereof was never before, and a new Law ſhall ariſe or be eſtabliſht, and with it many other things.*

Theſe ſeveral predictions we offer to the Reader, not as divine and Infallible, but as the Sentiments of theſe worthy Aſtroliſts, according to natural cauſes of preſent and future affairs, and leaving them as ſo many embryos in the womb of time to be brought forth, or prove abortive, as providence ſhall order, we conclude with our humble wiſhes.

*May the good Hand of Heaven in all the Revolutions of Fate, Bleſs the Monarch of great Brittain, in all his Counſels, and undertakings; Crowning him with health in his Royal perſon, victory over his Enemies, and Happineſs in the Love and Affections of all his Subjects from the leaſt to the greateſt, Amen.*